

Medical Deans CEO Newsletter

Welcome to the new look Medical Deans CEO update.

I take this opportunity to introduce myself as I start to get to know you all better. I hope to get a chance in the next 6 months to meet many of you and your teams and visit your Schools as opportunities arise.

I am very excited about the opportunity to grow the advocacy activities of this well respected Australian and New Zealand organisation while at the same time look to new opportunities to provide us with a sustainable financial base to do the things we believe is our core business.

As part of this process I will be asking you soon to comment on what you believe our core business is and what you want from your national and 'cross Tasman' professional representative body. This will inform the development of a 5 year strategic plan for Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand.

I am delighted to be working with the new Executive team under Professor Peter Smith's leadership and look forward to a very busy and productive two years with this team.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

EXTERNAL

Signed MOU with NACCHO 31 May 2013 (see picture to the right).

Meeting with then Minister Emerson's office about education issues related to Medical Deans. Medical Deans' Executive will continue to work with both sides of federal politics in Health and Tertiary Education to promote the work of Medical Deans and look to future opportunities to work with Government around common agendas.

Extension of the LIME Network funding from DoHA until 30 June 2015

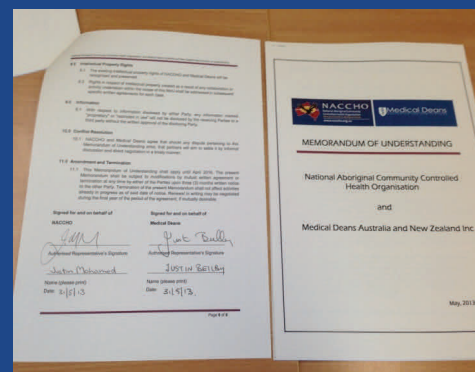
Extension of MSOD funding from HWA until 31 December 2014.

Thanks goes to everyone involved in negotiating this additional funding for both projects. These two initiatives are core portfolio areas for Medical Deans and this funding will allow us to expand our knowledge and influence in these important spaces.

We bid farewell and good luck to **Mark Cormack, CEO of HWA**, from mid July as he takes a well earned holiday before the rigors of a Deputy Secretary role in Department of Immigration. We welcome Ian Crettenden to the Acting CEO role.



Justin Mohammad and Justin Beilby celebrating the signing of the *Medical Deans and NACCHO MOU*



Medical Deans and NACCHO MOU - signed 31 May 2013

The new Executive team is

President	Professor Peter Smith
Vice President	Professor Nicholas Glasgow
Treasurer	Professor Brendan Crotty
Secretary	Professor Alison Jones
Ordinary Member	Professor Richard Hays
Co-opted Member	Professor Peter Crampton
Co-opted Member	Professor Ian Puddey

INTERNAL

National meeting on Assessment of medical student learning outcomes, Melbourne, 24-25 June (see item on Benchmarking project below)

Medical Deans **AGM** 3 June 2013 and appointment of the new Executive Committee

Publication of Volume Two of the **LIME Good Practice Case Studies**



The organisation paid tribute to the fantastic work of Medical Deans' Executive Officer, **Mary Solomon**, with a series of dinners and farewells

I take this opportunity to publicly thank Mary for her valuable contribution to Medical Deans over the last 5 plus years and for positioning the organisation in readiness for its next phase. Without Mary's strong leadership and management the organisation would not be in such a sound and well respected position. We all wish Mary well in her next phase.

I also wish to acknowledge the wonderful work of the outgoing Executive, in particular our President Professor Justin Beilby, who confidently steered the organisation into the consciousness's of all our major stakeholders and funders. Medical Deans is a now stronger and more influential body with the capacity to have significant continuing impact in the medical training, research and workforce space.

HOT ISSUES

MEDICAL EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT

Arising out of background work by the Medical Education Collaboration Committee, Professor Wilkinson's project and a general consensus from the participants at the recent national meeting on assessment, Medical Deans has the potential opportunity to progress this work through support from HWA. Medical Deans will be submitting a funding proposal to HWA for a 12 month project to engage all Australian medical schools in **sharing some common assessment items with the view to benchmarking activities** across the sector. This will build on the Competencies Stage 3 project which is currently developing assessment resources including blueprints for clinical competencies and an overview of clinical assessment in 2013.

The final **Competencies Stage 3** report and resources will be made available to all schools. This next proposed project will aim to provide increasing confidence to the government, the regulator and the public in the standards achieved by our graduating doctors and that these standards are consistently met across all schools.

Medical Education and Assessment will now be a standing item on the Executive Committee's agenda.

INDIGENOUS HEALTH

On the back of stronger partnerships with our key partners in this space including AIDA, NACCHO, LIME network and Te ORA, Medical Deans are keen to move to the next level of **advocacy activities in Indigenous Health** alongside its partners. As part of this development our LIME Network Steering Committee will be re energised to consider key issues of strategic importance in medical education, training and recruitment. Further work will be undertaken with our

partners to build other mechanisms to work together over key issues. I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Medical Deans Indigenous Health Expert Advisory Group who have provided the essential platform to develop greater strategic activism.

Indigenous Health will now be a standing item on the Executive Committee's agenda.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND INTERN PLACES 2014

Consideration of **intern placements and allocation mechanisms** are currently being discussed nationally by a working group of HWPC led by Robyn Burley of NSW Health. Medical Deans has provided input to this group and the Commonwealth about predicted numbers of graduates in 2013

CLINICAL TRAINING FUNDING REVIEW

Through AHMAC and HWPC there is now an additional body of work occurring nationally to examine ways to **streamline clinical training funding**. This will be informed by modelling work conducted by HWA. It will work in concert with the IHPA Teaching Training and Research Working Group. Medical Deans is represented at all these levels.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MSOD is about to conduct the 2013 Exit, PGY1,3 and 5 surveys. Thank you to all faculty managers and their teams in advance.

AIDA Symposium, Canberra 2-6 October

LIME Connection V, Darwin 26-28 August

Meetings with NACCHO, AIDA and Minister Snowdon's office, Canberra, September

Medical Deans Annual Conference and Faculty Managers Workshop, Auckland 23-25 October

The Federal election..... whenever that may be

I hope to use this regular newsletter to highlight some of the key activities and events that have national and 'across Tasman' interest. Please feel free to disseminate to any of your staff, students or stakeholders who may be interested.

Judy Searle
CEO
15 July 2013

